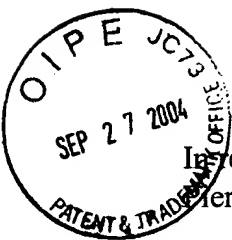


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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed May 26, 2004, kindly amend the
above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begin on page 2 of this
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Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.